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FIELD NOTES

P. M. Carper, of Martinsville, Va., writes to know where he can buy, rent or borrow a pair of old time moulds in which to make pewter spoons. He needs them in his business as shop instructor of the high school at Martinsville. If he cannot buy such moulds, he would like to borrow them long enough to have a pattern made to use in his school shop. I do not know of the existence of such moulds in the mountains, but I do hope a pair of them will be brought to light by this notice. If the moulds cannot be had otherwise, why I will refer Mr. Carper to Lee Ervin, gunsmith, of Cloverlick, who can make a pair.

Spoon making in the old days was a good traveling trade. The pewter spoons were moulded, but I always had the idea that those of silver were hammered out by the smith, usually from silver coins. I do not know how I got that idea, as without doubt silver spoons could be cast in moulds that turned out the pewter ones, unless the molten silver would melt the brass moulds. Pewter was made from tin and lead. Every workman had his own variation of three standard formulas, common or ley-pewter consists of four parts tin and one part lead; plate pewter is made of 100 parts tin, 8 parts antimony, 2 parts each of bismuth and copper; trifle pewter is made of 83 parts tin and 17 parts antimony. The chief alteration of these standard formulas is the addition of lead. Too much is dangerous, besides spoiling the appearance of the alloy. The law in France restricts the percentage of lead to 16 1/2 percent. Investigation has found this combination to be as proof against sour wine and vinegar as pure tin.

Pewter ware is made in three ways. Measures and spoons are cast in moulds of brass made of two closely fitting but detachable halves, the surface of the mold being painted over with white of egg or oil to prevent adhesion. Plates and dishes are made preferably by hammering. Then milk jugs and the like are produced by "spinning"; that is by pressing a flat plate of pewter against a rapidly revolving blunt tool, thus raising it into desired shape.

The use of pewter dishes is coming back as a fashionable fad. Down at home, I noticed mother and the children studying up on it in the magazines and catalogs. A little later, the chimney piece was filled with bright, shiny pots and cups, where once decorated china reigned supreme.

I would say that a good part of the pewter ware of former days went the way of the world by being melted down for bullets to be used in the old muzzle loaders.

Down at John Buckley's at Buckeye, they still have a big old pewter basin in good state of repair. Some years ago they cleaned out the old well and brought up a number of pewter mugs that had been in there no body knows how many years. These cups had holes eaten in them by iron or something else in the mud in which they lay. These mugs were decorated on the outside by scroll

work. That well was probably dug prior to the American Revolution.

Over at prayer meeting the other night, Rev. O. N. Miles took me aside after the worshipful, helpful and instructive discourse, and pulled a seed pod that was new to me. Investigation showed it to be the seed of the very common camphor vine, or Dutch man's pipe. The pod is three or four inches long, green and not unlike a cucumber. No vine is more common and I occasionally looked up the trumpet shaped bloom, but the seed pods have I never seen before.

K. D. Marshall brings in four fine big potatoes that average pound a piece. The variety is the Green Mountain.

In the last paper we printed a piece by Hon. Wade Pepper of Clarksburg, about the game situation in West Virginia. It was a good piece, and evidently it was widely read by the way the old timers are hopping on me about Wade calling the T-bone steak strip along the back bone the saddle of venison. They say if Wade does not know any more about what he is writing of than he does about venison saddles, why they just don't care to trust themselves to his reasoning. For Wade's information, I will say that from time immemorial the hams of a deer have been spoken of as a saddle of venison. The usual custom was to cut the saddle at the "small" of the back, although a couple of ribs on either side was permissible when the "saddle" was to be sold. A forty pound "saddle" was ordinarily a good one. I have heard of saddles weighing over sixty pounds, but I never saw so big a one weighed. A sixty pound saddle would have to come from an unusually big deer, be sheated in fat, and cut high in the back.

About the market price of deer, I say will that in the late '80's, John Buckley sold three deer for over thirty dollars. He got three big bucks in one day. He was shucking corn in the lower bottom below the mouth of Swago creek, and hounds brought the deer into the river.

About forty years ago there got to be a demand for the whole deer. The carcass was shipped, skin and all. Wheeling was the main market place. When the sale of game was prohibited in 1912, a chunk of a deer would sell for thirty dollars or more.

Theodore Moore was over from Petersburg the week end. He fetched me a mess of paw paws. These he picked up near the fish station. The paw paw is good eating for those who like them, but I do not hanker after them specially; I never acquired the taste. Anyone who likes bananas can learn to like paw paws. I notice this little tree growing on Droop Mountain around the head of Locust Creek. Before the road was changed near Riverside there was a thrifty growth of paw paw bushes near where the residence of A. P. Pifer now is. Us children were always told that these bushes came from seeds dropped there by the soldiers in war times.

Dewey Sharp, of Fairview, brought in a great Virginia horned owl, which he caught in a trap set on a hay pole. He as a young game conservationist

FARMERS' CLUB

The Inner Circle Crops Club held its monthly meeting at the Court House last Friday night. The court house did not prove as popular meeting place as the County Agent's office and the attendance was not nearly so large as usual. Dr. Friant, of the College of Agriculture, was present and gave valuable and minute directions for selecting seed corn.

Fred J. Hefner, who is developing into a considerable of a potato specialist, had a half bushel or so of potatoes on the table before him and gave a most interesting talk and demonstration on selecting exhibits for potato shows. At the potato show held for the State at Morgantown last year Mr. Hefner was the outstanding exhibitor. At this show Pocahontas county won sixteen of the twenty-four honors. Mr. Hefner and Earl Kee planted eight acres of potatoes this season. They gave these scientific care and attention. They had dug considerably less than one half the field, and got 1150 bushels of U. S. No. Ones. They expect a yield of over 2500 bushels from the eight acres. From the yield of the acres already dug, the field ought to average 350 bushels of number one potatoes to the acre.

County Agent Dorsey said that \$50,000 is a conservative estimate of the amount of money that will be brought in to Pocahontas county for potatoes shipped and to be shipped this year. This is outside money, and does not take into account the dollars received from local sales by the farmers.

The club went on record as favoring a date around the fifteenth of November for the County Potato and Corn show, sponsored by the First National Bank. This date is after the deer season, and still in time to send the winning exhibits of potatoes to the International Stock Show at Chicago.

The secretary reported that the committee on initiation had arranged an interesting ceremony and would soon be ready to receive new members in proper and impressive manner.

At the next meeting it is expected to have exhibits of the several varieties of potatoes for comparison.

has kept this trap set on this pole for six months. In that time he has caught six big hawks and three big owls. The owls range in size from the last one with a spread of fifty-one inches to fifty-seven inches. If other country gentlemen would follow Mr. Sharp's example and keep traps on lookout poles, the program of increasing our diminishing supply of small game would be pretty well solved. Those six hawks and three owls would account for a great number of squirrels, rabbits, wild turkeys, quail and grouse in a year's hunting.

Luther Dilley fetched in an interesting relic the other day in the shape of a "fire stone". This was a chunk of red sandstone a little larger than two bricks. On both sides of the stone are a dozen or more shallow holes made by a fire drill in the hands of original inhabitants. The stone shows signs of having been in fire. You know how they made fire on a firestone. A bone or hardwood drill was used; this whirled rapidly by looping the loose string of a bow

SURPRISE PARTY

On Saturday evening, September 23, a surprise party was given at the Hillsboro Methodist Parsonage. Miss Anne Knapp, of New York who is a visitor of the pastor's family had learned it was the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds, and she notified some of the other ladies who also passed the word along and by her clever management the profound secret was kept until saws, bells and a yard full of people presented a happy scene on the parsonage hill. Flowers, cakes and candy were preeminent with smiling faces. The pastor and his wife appeared in a rather youthful way, and after cheers and greetings were over the party entered the house with the usual serene jollity.

The evening was filled with happy stories, jokes and singing. Mrs. Reynolds brought forth her wedding gown and what was left of her husband's wedding vest and shirt, also one of her baby dresses and her baby chair which of course were very interesting to the younger set of girls.

At 10:00 o'clock it was announced the bride and groom would lead the procession and repair to the dining room where a table was beautifully arranged with flowers cakes and iced fruit juice.

There wasn't room for me more as the guests encircled the room, and after a short prayer by the pastor each helped themselves and returned to the parlor for a social chat. Mr. Reynolds expressed his appreciation of the thoughtfulness of his friends and neighbors, after which Mrs. Reynolds in a very quaintish manner belted "My Jesus." All joined in singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again." Then it was discovered very valuable gifts had been placed around a basket of flowers for which the recipients expressed grateful thanks.

With words of good cheer and well wishes the party disbanded after having enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Hollandsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Walker, Mesdames M. C. Smith, Robert Hall, C. B. LaRue, J. K. Marshall, S. B. Auldridge, C. Miller, Geo. Clendenen, M. McMillion, R. H. Auldridge, Misses Mabel Nuckles, Jewel Kincaid, Martha Beard, Frances Anne Clark, Ellen Lee Cooper, Edith Mitchell, Alice Sheets, Isabelle LaRue, Ida Clendenen, Drexel McMillion, Mildred LaRue, Anne L. Knapp, Janet Beard, Messrs. R. D. Moore and Alfred Callison.

DIED

Alex Puffenberger was born September 18, 1914, at Millpoint, and died September 17, 1933, near Millpoint. Lacking a day of being 19 years of age he was the sixth child and youngest son of Robert Lee Puffenberger and Ella Hefner Puffenberger of Durbin. Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn his death, two brothers, William and James of Millpoint, and four sisters, Mrs. Dewey Tracy, of Arbovale, Mrs. Carl Morrison, of Hillsboro, and Nannie and Ethel at home. The funeral service was conducted from Marvin Chapel by Rev. J. H. Light, burial in the Rickman cemetery.

The family wishes to express their appreciation of the many kindnesses they received at the hands of the people of the Millpoint community.

around it, and sawing backward and forwards. I cannot be sure, but I have the impression that the original Americans were the only people who used this method of kindling fire. The white people introduced the flint steel and tinder method. I am old enough to have seen blacksmiths drill iron with a bow drill.

Dennis Smith May

Dennis Smith May, of Beard, aged twenty-one years one month and twenty-five days, died Sunday September 24, 1933, at the Genet Hospital, Staunton, Va., having succumbed to the effects of a blood clot on the brain. His sudden death came as a shock to his family and friends, as he had only been in the hospital three days, and his condition was not thought to be very serious.

Dennis was an obedient son, a comradely and cherished brother, and a real friend to a large host of his associates. He had his "Heroes" whose deeds and accomplishments made a lasting impression upon him. He had always led an ideal moral life, and at times took an interest in community activities.

Dennis is survived by his father, C. S. May, his mother, Martha May, three sisters—Mrs. Nellie Sheets of Elkins, Ethel and Nina of Beard; and three brothers: Forest, Dorcie and Remus.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. L. L. Light, of Seebert, and assisted by the Rev. Martin Curry, of Hillsboro. Interment was made in the Droop cemetery.

RALLY DAY SERVICE
The annual rally day service will be held at the Marlinton Presbyterian church on Sunday, October 1, beginning at 10:30 A. M. This will be a combined Sunday School and preaching service. The effort is being expected to have present every family of the congregation.

CAMP NICHOLAS

COWEN, W. Va.

It has come to the attention of those in authority at Camp Nicholas, that malicious, false reports, have been circulated by parties, unknown, concerning the conduct of the Veterans Major John W. Hyatt, who is in command of the camp. Brands there has he had in his command a more orderly company of men, and that rowdiness is unknown here.

The company was delightfully entertained last Wednesday evening by the 8th Infantry, light tank band, from Fort Hayes, Ohio.

Among the casualties this month, were Section Leader John M. Abbey, of Fairmont. Mr. Robey suffered a severe cut on the left arm while falling a tree. Charles G. Hill, of Morgantown, sprained his ankle while playing baseball. Dale McClure, of Masontown, was cut severely on the left leg while cutting a right of way on Bishop's Knob, truck trail. C. I. Owens of Wheeling, was cut on the chin by a limb, which he was trimming from a tree.

Work has been started on the improvement of the road from the camp to State Route No. 15.

1st Lieut. L. B. Greenbaum, of the Medical Corps, is temporarily relieving 1st Lieut. Benjamin Klorman, who is in the hospital at Elkins for an operation.

The Plumb Axe Company is offering as a prize the axe used by the Worlds Champion Axe Man to the best chopper in the company. A contest will be held soon. The winners of this contest, along with the best sawyers in the company will go to Camp Greenbrier, and there compete with the best axeman and sawyers from the other C. C. camps. The winners of this contest will represent the C. C. at the Forest Festival at Elkins. Company 1547 will have a float in the Forest Festival parade.

A crew is at work hauling logs for the foundations of the permanent barracks. There will be nine buildings for quarters and a bath house. The bath will be equipped with showers with both hot and cold running water.

The Company Commander has been notified that additional blankets, mattresses, and winter clothing have been shipped from the Quartermaster's Depot at Fort Hayes, Ohio.

It speaks well for the C. C. C. that all but three men have re-enrolled for the additional six months term. These three men are leaving to accept employment elsewhere.

AMERICAN LEGION

The Pocahontas Post No. 50, of the American Legion held its annual meeting for the election of officers, Friday, Sept. 22, which was well attended. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Commandant, Charles Barlow; Adjutant, Paul Overholt; Service officer, and athletic officer, Fred Allen; Chaplain, Rev. W. G. Winton; Post Historian, James Bear; Sergeant at arms, Clark Young. The Adjutant has the 1934 cards; help us make our quota before Thanksgiving by sending in your dues now.

The Central West Virginia Country Life Jubilee was held at Jacksons Mill last week. There were more than twenty thousand people in attendance. Of particular interest were the canning and clothing exhibits and the 4th Style Revue, in which thirty-one girls from eighteen counties took part. There were four classes of costumes—tailored wool dresses, tailored silk dresses, informal party dresses, and cotton school dresses. One of the State winners was Helen Jean Buckley of Marlinton, whose silk outfit, including all accessories, cost \$8.98. Ressie Hill, also of Marlinton, lacked only two points of tying the winner, Hester Moore, of Kanawha county, in the tailored wool dress class.

Baltimore District Conference of the Southern Methodist church meets in Roanoke next week.

SENECA THEATRE

Marlinton, W. Va.

PROGRAM

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE

FRI. & SAT. SEPT. 29-30

Here he comes folks in his greatest picture.

Buck Jones in

"Treason"

Added: Chapter No. 10 "HURRICANE EXPRESS"

Special matinee Saturday at three o'clock. Adm. matinee 10-15; night 10-25

TUES. & WED. OCT. 3-4

Thrills of the Air

"Air Hostess"

With Evelyn Knapp, James Murray and Arthur Pierson.

Added—Featurette "Curse Of A Broken Heart"

Special matinee Tuesday at 4 o'clock adm. 10 and 15; night 10-25

FRIDAY & SAT. OCT. 6-7

That great western star Tim McCoy in

"End of The Trail"

Added attraction: Chapter 11 "HURRICANE EXPRESS". Special matinee Saturday at three o'clock. Adm. 10-15; night 10-25

Coming—Jack Holt in

"When Strangers Marry"

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For this Amazing NU-TYPE
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On Saturday, October 14th at 3:30, we will give to the holder of the lucky number a New Aladdin Lamp. Ask for your ticket.

C. J. RICHARDSON
Marlinton, W. Va.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY SINGERS
Singers from Pocahontas County have been asked to participate in, and be a part of the Great Chorus that expected to put on one grand program Thursday evening, October 5th at Elkins Forest Festival. Groups of singers from many counties of the state have been asked to take part. Rehearsals are already being held at Durbin and Marlinton. Rehearsals are being held every evening at 7:30 in the Marlinton M. E. Church South. Then this coming Saturday night beginning at 7:30 Miss Sarah B. Huff will be here to hold a county rehearsal in the high school building in Marlinton.

Singers from every choir or singing organization in the county are urged to take part. For further particulars get in touch with Moody Kincaid, A. G. Barlow or C. P. Dersey, or your community chairman.

County Superintendent Flynn is holding elementary teachers meetings in the county this week. The first was held at Minnehaha Springs Monday afternoon; the second at Cass Monday night; the third at Durbin Tuesday afternoon; the fourth at Greenbank Tuesday night; the fifth at Hillsboro Wednesday afternoon; the sixth meeting will be held Saturday morning, September 30, beginning at 10 o'clock at Marlinton. On Thursday and Friday Mr. Flynn will be in Charleston.

County Court
County Court was in session Monday with Commissioners H. H. Hudson, C. A. Sharp and M. C. Smith, present.

An agreement was entered into between the Court and the State Road Commissioner whereby the road machinery and road property of the county was leased to the state road commissioner during the period of the relief administration.

The court had under consideration many problems of public finances growing out of the recent court decision relating to tax levy limitation. No definite action was taken, and the court adjourned until Friday September 29.

The 11th infantry band, of Fort Hayes, Ohio, is expected at Camp Seneca, on Thorny Creek, between Dunmore and Huntersville, on Wednesday afternoon and night. It will give a concert. The public is invited.

Park McNeil has moved his family from Buckeye to Morgantown. His son Stowe, will attend the University this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sams announce the marriage of their daughter Mary, Hazel to Leo B. Hall of Hillsboro, on June 22, 1933, at Covington, Va.

Town Council meets in regular monthly session next Monday night.

First National Bank

MARLINTON, W. VA.	
CONDENSED STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 23, 1933	
RESOURCES	
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	\$231,067.68
BANKING HOUSE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	\$ 35,916.22
Cash & Due From Banks	\$137,159.99
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK STOCK	\$ 1,800.00
BONDS, A GRADE	\$ 9,563.87
U. S. BONDS	\$ 25,000.00
5% REDEMPTION FUND	\$ 1,250.00
TOTAL	\$441,757.76
LIABILITIES	
CAPITAL	\$ 50,000.00
SURPLUS	\$ 10,000.00
DEPOSITS	\$356,757.76
CIRCULATION	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL	\$441,757.76

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SPECIAL SALE
For Saturday and Monday
September 30, and October 2

As we have not given the people of Marlinton and Pocahontas County—a chance to buy goods at a reduced price for a long time, we have decided to give our customers two days of real bargains. So here are a few items listed below!

Breakfast Bacon, by the strip	15c
Good Side Meat	8c
Lard, carton, lb	8c
Good flour, 24 lbs	88c
Half gallon fruit jars, dozen	1 05
Quart fruit jars, dozen	79c
Tall Milk, 4 for	25c
Motor Oil, 2 gal. cans	1.15
Bulk Coffee, lb	.11c
Octagon Soap, 3 cakes	10c
O R Coffee	17c
Quart Salad Dressing	25c
Shot Gun Shells	75c to 1.05

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